" 'Oh, I was sorely tempted, I was sorely | It is all for the poor children, darling."

"Two other girls, sisters, who will come I care of, law or no law.

"I had her put on parole, not because I | fect ignorance the real reason of her con-

of development. She, too, had stolen a the lady who comes. She draws a slip of through the influence of another woman.

peating the offence, but so that I could her report the next week, and exclaiming Even after the parole and the probation

After her a young couple just out of their

teens come in shamefacedly, at least the

wife is so, while the boyish husband is per-

haps merely sympathetic. From the far

corner of the room one hears her low

"Tell me I won't be locked up again. I

When she has been assured that if she is

vided she makes her weekly report until

her parole is over, the couple go out with

effusive thanks from the young husband.

voiced appeal:

hould be punished. I can do nothing for good she will be no longer in danger, pro-

don't know why I did it!"

doll and two handkerchiefs. All she could paper out of it, and while she is drawing it At last they are both together again; he that all is well,

I pray the good God to direct her hand. has worked out his sentence and she is on

She ignores with the innocence of per- her, and I am keeping my eye on both.

again that the nine children must be taken | terms are over, they still come for advice,

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Mrs. Axman, Probation Officer. Tells of the Sudden Temptations Before Which Her Visitors Fell.

tempted.

thought there was any danger of her re-

DESCRIBING THE BOWERY SHOW.

in this evening to report have a record each of them for perfect honesty in differ-

ent places where they have worked, but they took positions in a store while the

holiday rush was on, and that was their

undoing. They could not explain to me

why they stole. All they seemed to feel

was that they could not resist the tempta-

tion to have some of the pretty things by

"I have these paroled prisoners come

here to me because I can have a better

chance to talk to them undisturbed, and it

is less humiliating to them. I make visits,

too. Last month I made nearly three

hundred, but I find that my best results

"Most of the cases are petit larceny cases,

I have had in the course of two years only

one case of inebriety and the usual cases

of unmoral conduct, which I find when

investigated are really unmoral rather

the young women are absolutely without

moral stamina and cannot realize that

they are doing anything for which they

them except help them to get into an en-

vironment where they are kept straight

in spite of themselves, for many of them

them and do not seek either the right path

While Mrs. Axman was talking there

were frequent knocks at the door, pre-

ceding many visitors-men who escorted

paroled wives, the two sisters mentioned

"But I don't see, darling," said one

smooth tongued visitor, "bow I'm hurt-

ing anybody. I've got the nine children,

Her offence is the practice of medicine

fortune telling. She explains her method

and they must be taken care of."

or the wrong one of their own volition."

"What do I mean by that? Simply that

which they were surrounded.

are achieved right here.

than immoral.

and others.

Alliance in East Broadway, upstairs in a guiltless of any real wrongdoing. cosey room filled with bric-à-brac, with

In the big building of the Educational environment. And yet she was absolutely

"When I saw her off on the steamer her hig bookcases and comfortable chairs, uncle came to me and begged me to accept with windows through which you can see a little token of their regard. I promptly an outlook at night of dense shadows and refused, but I tell this to lead up to the fact high lights, black housetops and the neck- that many of these poor people whom I



ON PROBATION FOR HIS FIRST OFFENCE.

lace of the Williamsburg Bridge, a queer | help try to recompense me in some way procession of visitors call on Mrs. Axman. charge of parole and probation cases the Children's Court. The visitors are persons who have been tempted and have fallen, perhaps just once.

"The holiday trade is an enormous temptation to the women," she said to a SUN reporter, who got her to talk about her experiences. "Where I have perhaps ten cases to look after in November and January, during the holiday rush I have a couple of hundred. A majority of these cases are absolutely first offences, and in a great many cases, the greater part I should say, the offence is absolutely unpremedi-

"The poor creatures are sent perhaps on an errand, go into a store and yield to the most incomprehensible temptations. I have known of cases in which a girl was trusted with money by her mistress, perhaps did the shopping for the household or worked in an establishment where costly materials were displayed before her and was absolutely honest, yet she went into a store during the holiday attractions and stole something she didn't want. Such a girl wonders why she took what she stole when she comes to herself.

"One of the cases in point is that of a young Irish girl who had a record for unimpeachable honesty for a couple of years. She was sent down town to buy something and seized with this unexplainable desire took some twenty-five cent tatting and a little doll, for neither of which she had any use.

"She was caught and arrested. When I was sent for to talk to her after her appearance in court all she could do was to ock herself back and forth and say, 'Oh, I don't know why I did it! I want to go back to Ireland! I want to go back to Ireland!"

"After a long time I got her to admit that she had a friend, a Mr. Brady, and he could help her prove her honesty. It afterward came out that the Mr. Brady in question was her brother, and she did reason that they are so used to paying for not like to say so, because she was a shamed for him to have such a sister.

Ireland, and back she went. She simply a sad truth which needs special attention. could not get over the fact that she had away from it to her old friends and her old | years but with a mind childlike in its lack

-gifts, anything, everything, not so much secretly without license under cover of She is a probation officer of the city and from gratitude as from the more pathetic



everything that is done for them that the do not seem to realize that they can ! "After I got her released I could not helped and rescued from unfortunate an shake her determination to go back to humiliating conditions for nothing. It is "Another girl arrested this holiday seaso done something whose remembrance would | for stealing was a poor little half-Mexican never be dispelled, and she wanted to go | resident of the East Side who was 21 in

"Now it isn't every detective that can to and it was mighty good advice, too. I am ready to be a sassiety gent," said the wear a dress suit as if he was used to it. Central Office detective, lounging in the In fact, there are only half a dezen men first man I make up to is the butler. Say, obby of the Metropolitan Opera House. in the burgau who look real in a spiketail | they're a wise lot, those butlers. What "I've been playing the heavy swell now for coat. Most of 'em look better in jumpers. they don't know about their employers So the few men who do look proper in and their employers' friends ain't worth evening clothes and know how to wear knowing. The first butler I made friends

attend a cole Detective Bureau for men attend social functions of all kinds. These sort of a job and they are the first arrivals many well bred strangers.

They go early to get a line "Ferget hit, me boy, said he to me." requests all go to Inspector McClusky, at the house. They go early to get a line head of the bureau, and he knows just on the house and to get acquaint d with 'They hain't has good has me an' you.' What is wanted. George used to do the the faces of the servants. Where a dance

times half of these are not known per- a big house with a lot of well dressed men | for another. sonally to the folks who give the invita- and women about. On my first two dips

his advice the next affair I was assigned

with was a real wiseheimer. I explained "Two men are always assigned to this to him that I felt out of place among so-

"He was standing at the foot of a stair- | man. society stunt himself when he was a plain or a big dinner is to be given strange em- way as he spoke, and the women were

where I was.

observer.

"I DON'T KNOW WHY I DID IT!"

almost too effusive it would seem to a casual

"She was married to him secretly," explains Mrs. Axman as the door closes. "Two weeks after the cenemony he was arrested for the dress suit fake; that is, going to houses and getting dress suits to press, and then either selling them or pawning them. While he was in prison she was arrested.

her first offence. As usual, it was committe

ng crook will put on open face clothes and mingle with the guests. It's rather em- he. 'She hacts like a youngster, but she's | look on them as human. That has been my came my way was on a Thanksgiving night | be a bit surprised when I told him nothing mingle with the guests. You see, some- barrassing at first to be turned loose in divorced her third husband an' is lookin' experience with them, at any rate. "The old geeser after her is sober now, when a United States Senator, who is now that he wanted a man to stay in his house | wasn't such an unprofitable job after all.

> it was none of my business. After a while | "At another social affair one of the women he took me to an antercom and summoned lost a pearl and diamond necklace. The happen, with all his servants in the house; my partner. Then he called his assistant moment she missed it she hunted up the but nothing would do but I must take posses-

everything they want to eat and drink.'

while the boss was in the room. When it, and in a short time found it on a divan, he had gone out James was a different | where it had slipped from its owner's

" 'E's a stingy pup,' said James of his employer, 'but 'e opens up on a night like is lost in a house at a social affair it has

And he did.

"Pike off the old dame comin'd wn, says too willing to be friendly with those who is social jobs that ever up early the next day. He didn't seem to out paying any attention to it.

parole. I don't believe in him. but I do in

sympathy, because they like me and know

viction, but goes away promising to make It varies. Some of them are so grateful, is saying: "I seen a scene."

that I am interested.

I don't blame them a bit.

"Others again never want to see me.

and when we meet on the street they avoid

me. To them I am a reminder of a terrible

experience which they want to forget.

"On the other hand, these people who

have been on parole or probation are often

a great assistance to me. They often send

for me or write me when anything is going

wrong with any member of their families.

If a young girl gets into bad habits of stay-

ing out at night with dissolute companions,

is indifferent in her work, receives attention

from some young man whose reputation is not of the best, I am asked to step in and

"My responsibility? It is a great one.

The judges nearly always refer all these

cases for my investigation, and my word as

to whether the prisoner shall be sentenced

"You have to live right here, see these

people every day and study all the under-

lying temptations, their philosophies of life,

their pasts, presents and futures to under-

stand them and to deal justly. I often

the criminal courts that are followed in

"In the Children's Court the magistrates

evening to make their weekly reports. | and holds up a volume he is reading.

other room. Mrs. Axman speaks of him | he leaves his presence is explained.

is waiting outside the door of the officer's says, "if I could take it?"

the Children's Court it would be well.

conduct and the necessity of right living."

One of the boys paroled over a year ago

or freed on parole and probation is final.

try to save her from any further mistakes.

"The attitude of the people toward me?

Mrs. Axman's alert eyes note that one still another is waiting for that moment of stepmother. By working here and there, the others in the room, a few low spoken he could, he finally reached New York and words, a few tears perhaps will meet with for four days wandered about the streets words, a few tears, perhaps, will meet with needed sympathy and advice.

describing with eloquent words and ges-

tures their experiences at various Bowery

"In what?" asks the probation officer,

" 'Tracked Around the World,' " is the

word of description, to all of which eager

kindly, interested immediately in whatever

interests her boys, as she calls all the young

sinners in her flock.

attention is accorded.

Mrs. Axman returns from one of these

week of reporting on his own responsibility | Library. When he came up in the Children's Court the Judge asked him what As the visitors enter, the dozen boys are

books he stole. 'Two volumes of Shakespeare,' he theatres. The one who is holding the floor

said. "'Why did you take those?' "'Because,' he said very softly, 'I am

very fond of reading Shakespeare.' "The boy with him had taken some books on geometry. They were released on parole and he comes each week and borrows a book, sits and reads it and takes answer, and one after the other offers a | it home with him afterward-good books, too, the best my little library here affords."

There is a small and homeless boy wandering about whose history adds another boy is avoiding ber gaze; that another is | link to the chain of interest. He has come looking better physically and morally; that from Galicia, running away from a cruei confidence when, with their backs toward | playing stowaway, eluding vigilance where until he was found and sent to the Gerry society.



The reference to the Children's Court, liarly attracd , way, his words well arremin's the probation officer that it is ticulated and his manner courteous and time for her to go downstairs and receive refined. B hesitates at the question as Now he is under the chaperonage of the the boy probationers, who also come this to whether there is anything he wants, probation officer awaiting the next move n the chessboard of his fate, which Mrs. "I am very much interested in this," he Axman hopes will be the offer of a good

apartment and escorts the party to the | It is lent to him immediately, and after Here are some things about the East Side learned on the visit to the Educational affectionately as her "steady," for since . "On parole, he was arrested with another Alliance Building:

his parole was over he has not missed a boy for stealing books from the Public "It is useless to try to give these people over on the East Side anything but the best when it comes to a question of entertainment," said one instructor. "They know good art even though they are shabby and squalid. When we give them music they can tell in a moment if it falls below a high standard. It is the same with dramatic work, entertainments of every kind. They are artists, all of them, by temperament and through inheritance.

Another instructor asked:
"Why is it that every other man and boy
down this way is called Abg? - It's a good old hame sure enough and has stood the test of time, but you would think, even in this quarter of the city, they could find a few others.

others.

"Just for fun on my way down I hailed a small boy who was ahead of me. 'Hello, Abe,' I called out. Sure enough, he turned and said, 'Hello' in a matter of fact way that showed me I was right."

His story was met by another by Mrs.

Axman.

"Up in the Children's Court the other day
Judge Deuel asked a small boy who was up
for examination 'Do you know so and so?' mentioning a boy by name. The answer was 'No,' and the same 'No' was repeated as the Judge read a list of boys' names to him. Finally he said. him. Finally he said, "Do you know any boy by the name of

Ikey?'
The boy looked up at him, full in the face, and said 'I don't know any boy by the name of Ikey."
"The Judge said: 'Convicted. A boy

who lives over on the East Side and don't know any one by the name of Ikey is under suspicion right away.'

suspicion right away.'

Papers in every language are in the reading room. This story was told of it by an official of the Alliance:

"I heard an amusing conversation the other day." Two men discussed an event of some importance to them.

"It was in all the papers this morning," said one, surprised that the other had not read about it.

What papers?' inquired the other.

"The English papers?"
"But who reads the English papers?"
snarled the second man.
"That is quite true, too, we have the papers printed in English, but have little-call for them. Yiddish, German, Russian and every language except the Anglo-Saxon are in constant demand, and that gives one an inversation of the general gives one an impression of the cosmo-politan condition of New York when you realize that we are standing only about fifteen minutes from Broadway and Four-teenth street."

LIGHT FOR THE FISHES.

Aquarium's Tanks Now on Dark Days Muminated by Electric Lamps.

An electric lighting plant has lately been installed at the Aquarium for the better illumination of the wall tanks on dark days. Two incandescent lamps are placed over each of the larger tanks and one over each of the smaller tanks. The tanks are attached to wires running along over the tanks in the service corridors, where they are quite out of sight of the visitor, who

With the aid of the added light from these lamps the tank interiors, with their rockwork, are on dark days brought clearly into view, as are likewise the fishes and the

The fishes are not disturbed by it. At first many of the fishes swarmed to the surface when the light was turned on, this.'

"James is still a friend of mine and I have often found him useful. Butlers are have often found him useful. Butlers are treated so haughtily by the people above them in the social scale that they are only unusual for a their to occurat one.

been dropped accidentally or mislaid. In my experience I never knew of anything some. In my experience I never knew of anything some. In the bouse of the best room in the house attracted to it as many fishes in neture are some. In the new of the light was tracted to it as many fishes in neture are attracted to it as many fishes in neture are attracted to it as many fishes in neture are attracted to it as many fishes in neture are attracted to it as many fishes in neture are attracted to the surface by jacklights carried in beats by fishermen; but it is that night, and I never had a better night's that night, and I never had a better night's that night, and I never had a better night's sleep. I stayed until the owner showed their lives in the tanks just as before, with-

SLEUTH IN SOCIETY.

FINE JOB, IF YOU KNOW HOW TO WEAR YOUR CLOTHES, SAYS HE.

The First Principle, if You Are to Enjoy It, is: Make Friends With the Butler and Learn the Secrets of Swelldom A Report by the Central Office Man.

"Well, my dress clothes have been pressed and the camphor smell removed and now six winters, and I'm getting to like it.

When the opera begins and the social season is in full swing, many calls are re- them are kept busy all winter. ceived at the Detective Bureau for men to him chesty.

"These requests for detectives come the logues' gallery. a couple of sleuths around so that no dar- rive. When the affair is in full swing we

getting in and the crook don't have to be a | to, where I would meet a familiar face. man supplied with lots of nerve. Society "After that I lost my nervousness and folks always sport their best sparklers on I don't mind it now. I told an old timer these great occasions, and if any one misses | in the office how uncomfortable I felt and a jewel it's up to the host and hostess. So he advised me to make friends with the they always want a couple of Central Office | butler wherever I was sent. I followed men around.

from the folks in society, who give the "After that there is nothing to do but "Hi'll tell you who they are,' says he. swell dances and balls. They always want to wait around and watch the guests ar- And he did.

into the social pool I was so nervous that "There's always a chance of a crook I felt like throwing up my job and escaping

"When I go to a strange house now the

detective sergeant. That's where he got ployees are always called in for the occasion, descending from the dressing room above. the swagger air that made Bill Devery call The sleuths look them all over to make sure I was for moving away to a more secluded that none of their pictures are adorning spot, but the butler told me to remain

"And so he continued with every one who | water at a time. I helped to pick him up passed. That butler knew them all by and bathe the lump on his forehead. Then he was aways name and everything about them. He be was put to bed and me and my pal were really knew so much that he was a dan- instructed never to mention the incident and nothing would do but I must stay in gerous man to have around, but of course to any one.

and told him to bring a bottle of wine. hosters and told her of the loss. Then we sion and make the place my own for a day The butler and us two sleuths sat there | were summoned and told to find it without | and a night. drinking the wine when the boss came in.

"That's right, James," says he to the to see that no one got in that house except charge. The owner never told the servants scandalmonger. 'See that the boys have those who were invited, and they were the who I was, and they supposed I was a very sees only their effect. "James was all obedience and servility | lace had not been stolen. We searched for

been dropped accidentally or mislaid, ting it up I forgot all about being lone-

a year ago. A prominent citizen living in had happened. When he hade me good-by "I was doing duty at a ball one night | Madison avenue sent word to the office | he pressed a fifty spot in my palm. It but he hain't had time to locate the booze. dead, toppled down a flight of stairs. His over night. I got the job and went up There is always a change for a man who is to see him early the day before Thanks-doing the society stunt." a married woman, but you wouldn't know that he slipped. He slipped all right, but giving. He was going out of town for the it from her gaddin' with the young bucks.' it was from trying to carry too much fizz holiday, and he had the bug that something was going to happen in the house while

JUST BETWEEN HIM AND MRS. AXMAN.

"It was a sort of premonition with him, his house all Thanksgiving day and night. I pointed out to him that nothing could "The next morning I was installed in

upper crust of society, so we knew the neck- dear personal friend. My every want was attended to by the servants, and I ate a very good but very lonesome dinner in the big dining room. It was so very lonesome that I invited the butler to eat with | markings upon them. "In nearly every case where anything me. There was some fine old wine in that house and when the butler and I got hit-